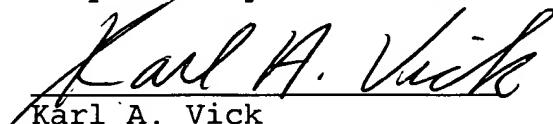


REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. In reviewing the above-identified application prior to receipt of the first official action, Applicants believe that this case can be expedited by entering the requested claim amendments. The requested amendments do not improperly introduce new matter or involve any other objectionable change.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable allow the application on the next office action and feels that a telephone conference would help clear up any unresolved matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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